

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 20th 2002

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The Committee of the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society would like to thank all those that attended the recent A.G.M. The club had a busy year which included taking part in the Spring 2m Contest, IRTS VHF Field Day, IRTS HF Field Day, part of EJ5E an expedition to Inish Boffin for IOTA and Headquarter Station for JOTA as EI2DSJ. The club also replaced it's old original 2 metre repeater with a new one.

One point raised during the A.G.M. was the weekly Tuesday night meeting, which after some debate has now been changed to the 1st Wednesday of each month. A new committee were elected in and they are: Chairman Thos Caffrey EI2JD, Secretary James MI5AHG, Treasurer Aidan Noone EI7JC and QSL Manager, Jenny Fagan EI1463. Since the recent demise of Gene Larkin EI3K the club have been without a President. Unanimously elected to the position is EI5DA, The Very Rev. Padraic J. O'Kelly.

Starting Wednesday the 23rd of October will be classes on ATV, culminating (hopefully) with the building of a receive/transmit ATV station for the club. All are welcome to attend. Here's to another good year in Amateur Radio.

Wireless Networking

A national meeting of those interested in wireless computer networking has been organised. IrishWAN a non-profit group are trying to set up a wireless computer network using licence exempt radio equipment operating in the 2.4 Gigahertz (13 centimetre) band. This is their first National meeting and will include talks on Wireless networking and a bring and buy stall. The event is planned for Sunday the 27th of October in the Saggart Arms in Saggart, Co. Dublin. The event is from mid-day until 6.30 p.m. For further details visit www.irishwan.org or e-mail Daniel Cussen EI9FHB dan@....

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

There has been good response to the clubs recent notification of running night classes leading up to the theory exam. The classes are going to go ahead very soon. If anyone else is interested in participating, please contact Mark EI7IS on 087-6302026 or e-

mail the club at searg@angelfire.com. For more information visit the clubs website on www.angelfire.com.tx3/searg

Tir Conaill Amateur Radio Club

The Tir Conaill amateur Radio Club held it's AGM recently. The meeting was well attended and the following officers were elected; President - Frank McCarron EI6EI, Chairman and PRO - Danny Bonner EI6GS, Vice Chairman - Mickey Bonar EI6HY, Treasurer - Joe Arnold EI-1318, Assistant Treasurer - Martin Gillespie EI8GP, Secretary - Leo McGranaghan EI6IT, Assistant Secretary - Laurence Byrne EI4FW, Oifigeach na Gaeilge - John Timoney EI8DBB and IRTS Club Rep - Ken McDermott EI4DW.

Jamboree On The Air

The 45th JOTA is taking place this weekend (19th/20th). Each year over 500,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the world participate in this event where Scouting experiences are shared and ideas exchanged thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. While the event lasts from midnight local time Friday night to midnight Sunday night, Stations participating can choose their own operating hours. The opening of JOTA in Ireland took place on Saturday with a short address by the Chief Scout of Scouting Ireland - CSI, Peter Dixon on the 40 metre WAI frequency and the Dublin 2 metre repeater, operating from EI2DSJ in Dundalk. This was followed by a call in giving Scouts the opportunity to talk with the Chief.

Besides EI2DSJ operating from Dundalk, other stations on air for JOTA this weekend are EI2SDR operating from the Scout Den in Wicklow, EI4BST operating from the Community Centre in Bayside, EI5MRC operating from the Scout Campsite in Mount Melleray and EI2SAI operating from the sailing club in Fenit.

Units participating in JOTA are asked to submit reports to the CSI National JOTA Organiser, Scouting Ireland - CSI, Larch Hill, Dublin 16 or by Email to njo@scoutingirelandcsi.com, or to the SAI National JOTA Organiser, Scouting Ireland - SAI, Tennants Hall, Christ Church, Rathgar, Dublin 6, before the 30th of November. These will be used in the National Report to the WOSM in Geneva. Reports should if possible include photographs and press cuttings. There is a copy of the Unit Report Form in the Radio Scouting handbook which is available from the National Headquarters of Scouting Ireland (CSI), Larch Hill, Dublin 16, phone 01-495 6300 (any Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday). Alternatively a copy can be emailed by contacting Sean EI3IP at 087-232 6994 or at ei3ip@eircom.net.

South Dublin Radio Club

Following on the success of Mark Condon EI7FNB with the 5 wpm Morse test, three more members of South Dublin Radio Club have now passed the Morse test - they are Nicholas Cummins EI5FLB, Michael Gorman EI9FFB and Tony Cummins EI7FKB. The SDR Morse class continues every Tuesday night, and the two teachers, Joe EI7GY and Jim EI4HH are confident that there will be further passes by SDR members before the end of the year.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

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